



## Wireless Man On the Wing

London Times Correspondent Visits the Entrance To Port Arthur.

The Russian and Japanese Outposts in Constant Touch In Korea.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

Wei-Hai-Wei, April 4.—I have just returned from a four days' cruise in which I visited one Japanese base and passed close to the entrance to Port Arthur harbor. My message giving particular details of the situation at Port Arthur was taken by wireless telegraphy from the Korean coast, a distance of over 100 miles, showing that our apparatus is in perfect condition and can be relied upon in case of emergency.

The situation in Korea, so far as could be learned at Japanese headquarters, is about as follows:

Gen. Kuroki, who is in command of the Japanese advance guard, is now in a position to force the passage of the Yalu river at any time which the Japanese general staff decide to make advantageous to strike. He is, however, apparently awaiting the mobilization of the second Japanese army before attempting any important move. This second development is well under way, but I am pledged not to indicate its whereabouts until the blow has actually fallen.

In the meantime the Russian and Japanese outposts are in constant touch on the line of the Chongchoung, but as a rule they do not come to serious conflict, although a few sharp encounters have taken place in which the Japanese have been beaten even though they were at even.

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main. The naval conditions are puzzling. It is impossible to learn whether the entire Russian fleet was in Port Arthur harbor at the time of the last Japanese attack. When the Hiiuman passed the entrance of the port Saturday afternoon, we could distinguish no smoke in the harbor, and we met no vessels on the way. The dense fogs that at this season of the year hang over the waters and make navigation extremely hazardous, may give Admiral Makarov the opportunity to practice his own theories, regarding destroyed tactics and attempt a night dash on the Japanese fleet.

The latest trustworthy reports show that the Russian land forces are in the main on the line between Laoyang and the Hsiaochou south of Mukden, while all of the arrivals from the port and the troops that could be spared from Port Arthur are concentrated at points where they are available for quick despatch to the Yalu when they are needed there. There are also mobile forces at other points ready for despatch to any threatened point.

### BIG FIRE IN TAMPA.

Tampa, Fla., April 4.—A great fire is raging in West Tampa, the cigar manufacturing suburb of the city. Hundreds of tenement houses have already been destroyed. The brick cigar factory of A. Salinger Company, of Chicago, has been destroyed. The factory of Leopold Howell & Company, of New York, damaged, and the factory of M. A. Martinez is burning. A number of others lie in the track of the flames and probably will be destroyed. The fire already has swept more than twelve blocks, and is eating against the wind. The damage already has been many thousands of dollars, but no estimate is yet available.

### CANADA HAD TO CRAWL DOWN

Despatch Which Shows why Laurier Weakened Over the Coasting Laws.

This despatch appears in the columns of the Toronto Globe and indicates that the Laurier government weakened when Uncle Sam threatened to club Canada into submission in respect to the coasting laws.

Washington, March 28.—Unofficial advice has come from Ottawa within the last two or three days that the Canadian government had passed an order in council putting into effect a coastwise shipping law similar to that of the United States. This was communicated to the state department by American shipping companies, which received the information from Ottawa, that the order would have a disastrous effect on the Pacific coast, where vessels of the United States are extensively engaged in trade between British Columbia ports and Dawson by way of the Yukon river, in Alaska.

Acting on this information, the state department sent a telegram on Friday to United States Consul General Foster at Ottawa, asking him to find out if the report was true. The department on Sunday received the reply from Mr. Foster saying that the report was incorrect and adding:

"Regulation of January 15, 1903, required transportation in Canadian vessels, but this regulation was subsequently waived for 1903. Not yet waived for 1904, but may be later."

Heretofore the Canadian coasting law has applied only to inland waters of the Dominion—that is, the rule requiring that goods shipped from one Canadian port to another be carried in British bottoms exclusively was applied only in areas completely within the jurisdiction of Canada. Therefore, the transportation of passengers and supplies from Vancouver to Dawson, by way of American territory, was not prohibited.

Some of the largest American transportation companies on the Pacific coast are up in arms against the proposed broader application of the Canadian coasting law, and it is not unlikely, if the law becomes effective, that the United States government will retaliate. A simple means of doing so could be found.

At present the Treasury department and the department of commerce wince at the violation of the United States coasting law for shipments of merchandise from Puget Sound ports to Northeastern Alaska by way of the White Pass railroad, and river connections in Canadian territory are permitted. There is a plain violation of our navigation laws in this practice, but the matter is disregarded for the sake of maintaining a better feeling between the Canadian and American customs authorities along the border. If the Canadian order in council is put in force, however, it is not unlikely that the United States coasting laws will be enforced so as to prohibit the shipment of supplies to Alaska by way of Canadian territory.

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NOTES FROM GOLDEN.  
Snow Disappearing — Lumber Camps Had a Good Season.

Golden, B. C., April 2.—(Special)—The bright sunshine of the last week is fastening the snow. Already wheeling vehicles are replacing the sleighs which have had a continuous four months' season. Snowshoes are reported nearly every day. The train from the west today found several in its way, but it was only delayed a few hours.

The last skating and curling of the season was enjoyed in the rink last Monday evening, March 28th.

The teacher of the primary department of our public school, Miss Green, resigned her position to take up residence in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. Miss Green did exceptionally good work as a teacher and her departure is greatly regretted.

A parlor social under the auspices of the Presbyterian church was very much enjoyed last Thursday evening. The occasion was deemed a fitting one to present Mrs. Tom, the organist of the church with well-filled purse in recognition of her good services. The pastor of this congregation has resigned his charge and will shortly leave for a visit to his old home in Ontario. Mr. Campbell's many friends in Golden are very sorry to lose his kind and able ministrations.

The lumber camps are breaking up having completed a very good season's work.

The Co-operative Mining Company, operating the new smelter here, held its annual meeting in Chicago recently. Its affairs were shown to be in fine shape, and extensive development work was planned for the coming season.

### WILL RAISE DUTY ON B. C. SHINGLES

Bellingham Bay Millmen Begin a Movement to That End.

Bellingham, April 4.—Competition of Canadian shingles is viewed with alarm by American manufacturers, and is having a baneful effect upon the market. Canadian shingles are admitted to the American market upon payment of a duty of 60 cents a 1,000, regardless of quality. This, in view of cheaper labor and greater production, Canadian shingles is not sufficient protection to the American manufacturers, and enables the Canadians to compete with the Americans by shipping shingles into the Americans' territory, while at the same time the American mills have found it necessary to organize for the curtailment of their product to maintain prices.

These conditions were brought to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce last night by local millmen, who argued that if the duty on shingles could be raised to \$1.00 per 1,000, it would materially strengthen the shingle market. The president of the chamber was instructed by resolution to appoint a committee of five to prepare a memorial to Congress, and, if necessary, the secretary of the treasury, upon this subject. The memorial will also be sent to other commercial organizations on the Sound.

### HOME THEY BROUGHT HER WARRIOR DEAD

Tokio's Populace Does Honor To the Remains of a Fallen Hero.

Tokio, April 5.—(11 a. m.)—The fragmentary remains of Commander Hirose, who was killed on March 27th during the second attempt to bottle up Port Arthur, arrived at Tokio today with a naval escort. A throng of people was in waiting at Shimbashi station, and the multitude silently uncovered as the flag-covered coffin was carried by. A number of naval officers escorted the remains to the home of Commander Hirose. Commanders accompanied the coffin and were presented to the kinsmen of the dead officer. There will be a public funeral.

### PRINCE GOES TO WAR.

Blaibortchens, Siberia, April 4.—Prussian Prince Mansur Mirza, who will be attached to the Amur Cossacks, has passed through here on his way to the front.

### EXPEDITION TO THIBET.

Chinese General From Lhasa Asks British to Withdraw.

Gurn, Thibet, April 4.—The British mission to Thibet, accompanied by Col. Macdonald's flying column, arrived here this afternoon. A Chinese general from Lhasa visited Colonel Youngusband and requested that the mission withdraw.

### EASTER FESTIVITIES.

Washington, April 4.—Hundreds of children, of all colors and conditions, participated today in the Easter Egg Rolling Festival on the White House grounds. The grounds were thronged with children. To add to the pleasure of the egg-rolling party, President Roosevelt directed that the Marine band should give a concert in the grounds between 3 and 5 o'clock.

### LE ROI MANAGEMENT.

Rossland, April 4.—John Mackenzie assumed direction of the Le Roi Company's affairs here today, at the called request of the London directors. His tenure of office is only till Manager Parrish recovers his health. Mr. Mackenzie has taken hold of matters vigorously. Interviewed tonight, he said he had nothing to add to the foregoing at present.

### ANOTHER MONTH OF ANXIOUS WAITING

Bad Roads and Poor Horses Handicap the Japanese Advance.

Chefoo, April 5.—(10 a.m.)—The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has resumed its service between Korea and Northern China with foreign steamers. The first steamer has arrived from Chemulpo, and from the passengers it was learned that the last contingent of the Japanese army landed in Korea March 30. The army contains 50,000 men, including cavalry corps, and is marching along the Tsin-Chou base and has bridged the Chien-Chou and Pak Cheng rivers and is ready to advance by three roads to the Yalu river. It will possibly be a month, however, before a big battle will be fought, as the artillery moves slowly on account of the poor roads and the bad management of the horses. Otherwise the organization of the Japanese forces is almost perfect. An immense quantity of supplies is going forward by cooler carriers. It was also learned from the passengers that work had been resumed at the American mines at Usan.

Steamer Iroquois of the Gulf islands was undergoing repairs on Turp's ways. The steamer Dunsmuir of the Fraser river fleet is taking the Iroquois' place.

### The Port Arthur Defences Weak

Repeated Batterings Have Had Effect and Its Capture Probable.

Japanese Scouts Have Entered Wiju and the Russians Recross Yalu.

London, April 5.—Eight weeks from the opening of the war sees Japan with any real fighting apparently in complete possession of Korea and the first stage of the campaign ended.

According to the Daily Mail's Koho, London, correspondent, who telegraphed under date of April 4th, Ping Yang despatch has been received there, confirming the report from Shanghai that the pastor of this congregation has resigned his charge and will shortly leave for a visit to his old home in Ontario. Mr. Campbell's many friends in Golden are very sorry to lose his kind and able ministrations.

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### ARMING THE FORTS ON THE BALTIMORE

Order Of Russian General Staff Causes Excitement at Libau.

Paris, April 5.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien says the general staff has ordered the arming of forts and batteries at Libau (on the Baltic) and that the measures have caused great excitement in that district.

According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo De Paris, General Mistchenko and Colonel Pauloff telegraphed General Kuropatkin that they will disappear for some time with their Cossacks, but will soon reappear at some locality which is kept a secret.

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## Annual Report of Fisheries Inspector

Review of Last Season's Operations Made to the Department.

### New Hatchery Constructed at Seton Lake and Other Works.

(Continued From Sunday's Edition.)

It is a generally recognized fact that the run of sockeye, given for salmon in the Fraser, depends upon the results of spawning in the four years preceding, and for that reason the canners and fishermen expect a fair run this year because there was a fair run four years ago. Their estimate of the run was based on the pack of four years ago, which was in the province 480,485 cases, and in Washington 512,540 cases. So far as can be learned no inspection was made of the spawning grounds in that year. The conditions there were not observed and considered in the estimates for that year, nor the fact that there was a good pack four years ago indicates the conditions on the fishing grounds only, and does not tell the story of the conditions on the spawning ground in that year—that proportion of the run reached the spawning beds. The pack represents the fish that were caught and not those that spawned. The future run of fish depends upon the latter. We find from the Puget sound fishing industry for 1899, the Fish Commissioner for the State of Washington says: "The season of 1899 was a record breaker in point of new capital employed and in the value of the season's output. This remarkable increase was confined almost solely to the Puget sound district, the amount of capital employed showing an increase of 11 per cent., the numbers of employees increased in the same proportion. In the amount of earnings of employees there was an increase of 300 per cent., and the value of the output making the same extraordinary showing." With such conditions existing on the fishing grounds four years ago, we may reasonably conclude that the greater proportion of the fish which sought the Fraser in that year were caught in that labyrinth of nets; and that the same methods were in use this year and last, the last were from that cause prevented from reaching the spawning beds.

With the fishermen and canners estimate the run four years hence the empty spawning beds of this year must be considered, just the same as they must consider in estimating the run next year, that there were no fry liberated from the hatcheries in 1900, because the spawn takers could get no eggs. It is the conditions existing on the spawning beds and not the catch on the fishing grounds that should be the basis of their estimates.

The hatchery system of the province to be comprehensive, must insure the annual planting of such numbers of fry in all the salmon rivers of the province as will maintain the run. Only by the enactment of adequate regulations covering the entire fishing waters, and the establishment of hatcheries and egg-collecting stations at all the main spawning sections of the Fraser, and at least one large hatchery at Rivers Inlet and on the Skeena river, can this result be attained.

The run of sockeye in the Fraser is greatest every fourth year, because that year a sufficient number of fish reach all the spawning grounds. In other words, only every fourth year is the entire spawning area of the Fraser planted with sockeye seed. How this condition originated is not known. Just so sure as you lessen the production of wheat by lessening the acreage planted, just so sure do you lessen the run of fish by lessening the spawning area, and the number of fish permitted to reach it. It does not follow that there must be no fishing in all the fish streams permitted to reach the spawning grounds any more than it follows that the wheat must all be replanted to reproduce the same harvest, for the fish culturist, like the farmer, by cultivation and protection, produces a greater harvest with a less amount of seed than nature does.

The desirability of the establishment and operation of hatcheries is proven by the fact that by hatchery propagation a far greater proportion of the ova of every species has become free swimming than is obtained by hatching them with a given number of young fish can be produced; that by the adoption of hatchery propagation, a greater number of fish may be caught for commercial use and the run still maintained than if natural methods are depended upon. Nature is prodigal with the ova of fish. She has to be as her method of fertilization and protection of the ova, once it is expressed from the fish, is uncertain and results in great loss.

A hatchery system insures results from the fish which reach the spawning grounds eighty per cent greater than without hatcheries. With the lessening of the spawning area and the increasing demand for fish, hatchery propagation must be resorted to or the run

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of fish will decrease. Hatchery propagation depends upon such measures of protection, will insure an adequate number of fish reaching the spawn stations, as well as upon the number and the capacity of the hatcheries established.

It has been shown this year that in all but one section of the spawning districts of the Fraser watershed there were few or no sockeye, and that almost the entire sockeye ova obtained for the hatcheries were taken at Morris creek, on Harrison river, from fish which entered the Fraser after the fishing season was over. Had there been a failure at the Morris creek spawning station, either in high water as was the case at Silver creek, or the absence of fish at Shuswap and Seton lakes, the plant of fry next spring would have been confined to the two million taken at Seton lake hatchery and the three hundred thousand at the Shuswap hatchery. This demonstrates the inadequacy of the present hatchery system. Success in salmon propagation can result only from sufficient protection on the fishing grounds, and in establishing many spawning stations. There should be one or more spawning stations in every section where the fish congregate in large numbers to spawn. The sockeye ran abundantly at Rivers Inlet the past season, and the spawning beds of Owekeyno lake were well covered. Had sufficient money been available for the establishment of a large egg-collecting station and hatchery at Owekeyno lake and on the Birkenhead river, at the head of Lillooet lake, enough eggs could have been obtained and shipped to the Seton and Shuswap hatcheries to generate them to their full capacity. Sufficient eggs could have been secured from such a station on the Birkenhead river to have more than doubled the output of fry from the Seton and Shuswap hatcheries next spring. The fish were there to produce the eggs. From the developments of the past season it is to be regretted that the Department, for the reason above indicated, was unable to carry out these improvements; yet, it is only fair to state that during the run the heavy rains caused a flood in the Birkenhead river, which makes it doubtful if operations there would have been successful.

To provide an adequate hatchery system, the province should construct a hatchery at the head of Lillooet lake, at or near the mouth of Owl creek, on the Birkenhead river, also one on Owekeyno lake, at Rivers Inlet. With the establishment of such stations and the operation of the ones at Seton lake, Shuswap lake and Bon Accord, and the enlargement of the one on the Skeena river, the output of fry each year would be sufficiently large to reasonably insure the maintenance of the natural run; provided always that the regulations permit a fair proportion of the fish to reach these stations. Proper protection in both provincial and American waters, and an annual plan of one hundred million (100,000,000) of fry in the Fraser would in time insure an average yearly run of salmon to that stream, which would approximate in numbers the year of the present big run.

The establishment of such a system as here advocated will necessitate the initial expenditure of approximately thirty-five thousand dollars (\$50,000) and about thirty-five thousand dollars (65,000) per annum for maintenance. Considering that the salmon industry stands second in the province in value of its products, such an expenditure seems reasonable. Furthermore the fishing industry has already contributed to the Dominion government, in the way of special taxes, an amount more than 100 per cent, greater than that which has been expended for its protection and preservation. And in addition to the great sum already paid for special fishing licenses, this industry has paid the usual property and ordinary taxes levied upon property in the province, and has been one of the largest employers of labor as well. The fish-canning industry, in competition to the government, has stated that "in all reason the moneys it has paid in special licenses should be expended for the preservation of its interests," which has not been done.

A natural deduction from the foregoing would be that the construction and operation of additional hatcheries by the province of the Fraser is unwarranted so long as the Americans persist in their present method of catching all the fish which attempt to pass through their waters. I would concur in this deduction did I not believe that in the keen commercial sense of the Americans is already awakened to the dangers which now threaten one of their greatest industries, and that within two, or at most, four years, they will have secured the enactment of such legislation by the state of Washington as will provide a closed season on the Sound at least equal to that now enjoyed in our waters. If they do not so, by continuing their present operations the discontinuance of hatchery operations on the Fraser by the government would compel them to do so, or would result in the loss of the millions of dollars they now have invested in fisheries, which they know depends upon Fraser-bred fish for their maintenance.

**SETON LAKE HATCHERY.**

In October, 1902, bids were invited for the construction of a paper mill, and superintendent's cottages, on Lake creek, the outlet of Seton lake. There were six bidders. A contract was let to W. Newell Copeland, the lowest bidder, in November. The buildings were completed and accepted in March, 1903. The hatchery building is a substantial wooden structure of 210 feet long by 40 feet wide. The roof is supported by the walls, thus giving a clear floor space for the 160 hatching troughs, which are 10 feet long, 16 inches wide and each 16 inches deep. Two troughs are placed end to end and extend the width of the building, and receive the water from the head flumes which run lengthwise of the building. The equipment permits of the hatching of forty million (40,000,000) eggs. The water supply is taken from Lake creek at a point some 1,400 feet from the hatchery, and about the same distance from Seton lake, by means of a wooden flume three feet wide and two feet deep.

A comfortable cottage for the superintendent and a boarding house for the other employees were constructed and furnished. The station in all its equipment is modern and is not excelled by any other on the coast.

In the construction and operation of this hatchery I was able assisted by Mr. Le Roy Ledgerwood, fish culturist, and an able body of local workmen. Mr. J. S. Burchfield, field collector of the department, was stationed at the hatchery during the greater part of the fall and winter, making a study of the embryonic life of the sockeye.

A retaining or obstructing weir was placed at the mouth of Portage creek, at the head of Seton lake, in July, with the view of retaining in this lake the early run of salmon until they were ready to spawn. There was no August run, and in the latter part of the month a weir was placed across the outlet of the lake to hold the fish in Lake creek. By means of traps placed in the air and the use of a drag net below it, we captured during October and November 971 salmon, which constituted the run which reached this station this year, and from them we obtained 2,668,900 eggs.

I selected the Seton lake hatchery site in 1901—the year of the big run—but did not begin to build after a careful inspection of the conditions existing in the spring and fall of 1902—the year of the small run. From my two season's inspection I believed it to be the best location for the wonderful cures being made by Burdock Blood Bitters, so advised him to give it a trial. He did so, and after taking five bottles was cured without a doubt. I would strongly advise any person troubled with Erysipelas and Salt Rheum, that the conditions this year were exceptional and borne out by the

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### Local News.

#### PERSONALS.

Rev. T. W. Glover left this morning for Vancouver, Mr. Pinell, the well-known trader of Vancouver, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

Oscar Grothe, representative of the White Automobile Company, of San Francisco, is in the city, a guest at the Dominion.

John Davidson, the well-known dog fancier of Monroe, Michigan, is a guest at the Dominion. He will act as judge at the dog show, which opens tomorrow.

B. C. Nicholas, city editor of the Times, returned from a brief visit to Vancouver on Sunday evening.

G. C. Hinton returned from Vancouver on Sunday evening.

J. S. Schater, of Vancouver is in the city.

A. C. Flumeefelt, of the Granby Copper Company, of Grand Forks, was a passenger from Vancouver by the Charmer yesterday evening.

A. E. Wood, vice-president of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, came down from Vancouver yesterday evening, and registered at the Driard.

J. H. Thompson was a passenger from Vancouver by the Charmer yesterday evening.

Registered at the Hotel Victoria are: G. W. Sparks and wife, Bobbi Wis; Peter Vaughan, Dawson; J. G. Morgan, Robert Wrightson, Seattle; T. J. Stephen, Vancouver, and W. Anderson, Nanaimo.

F. W. Godsal, of Cowley, a prominent and well-known rancher in the Alberta district, arrived on last night's boat and is a guest at the Vernon.

J. H. Hemsworth, Mount Sticker's leading merchant, is a visitor in the city.

Miss Agnes Dier, who is in charge of the musical department at the college at Kamloops is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dier, of Fernwood road.

A. W. Yowell, Indian agent, returned on Friday from a business trip to the Mainland.

Mrs. E. E. Goodman and Miss Maud Ellis, of Vancouver are paying a holiday visit to friends in the city.

Hon. Richard McBride was a passenger from the Sound by the Princess Beatrice yesterday afternoon.

Captain John Irving returned yesterday afternoon from a visit to Seattle.

Jas. Breen, of the Crofton smelter, was a passenger from the Sound by the Princess Beatrice yesterday afternoon.

Alderman Graham Beckwith and Stewart returned on Friday evening from Vancouver, where they inspected the septic tank system.

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Voting Machine.—The annual general meeting of the Imperial Automatic Machine Company, Limited, will be held in Labor hall on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 8 p.m.

A Pleasure Boat.—The trim little steamer Thistle, the property of James Dunsmuir, which has been used on many occasions for the accommodation of hunting and fishing parties, is to be fitted up exclusively as a pleasure craft, and to this end a large sum of money will be expended on her.

Houses in Demand.—Throughout any portion of the city good houses for rent are very hard to find and to meet the constantly growing demand some definite scheme of more building will have to be undertaken if newcomers are to be accommodated.

May Carry Passengers.—Owners of naphtha launches will be interested in learning that the federal government has made arrangements for the inspection and certification of naphtha launches, so that these small craft will again be able to carry passengers.

Fruit Growers' Meetings.—Mr. W. J. Brandith, secretary of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, is here from Mission City, where he had been attending the quarterly meeting of the association. Mr. Brandith will spend several days of Vancouver island, attending meetings of fruit growers and farmers' institutes.

The Golden Cache.—It is reported that the Golden Cache and several adjoining claims have recently been sold. Toronto parties being said to be the purchasers. If they are developed the results will be watched with interest by many in Victoria, who recall as but in a dream the days when the Golden Cache set the mining world ablaze with its evidences of marvelous richness and then "petered out."

Larger Dividend.—The directors of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, state that for the half-year ended 31st December, 1903, they feel justified in increasing the rate of dividend on the deferred ordinary stock to 3 per cent. The earnings of the company for the half-year were as follows: Gross receipts, £85,286; working expenses, £46,352; leaving net receipts £38,934, as compared with £29,965 a year ago.

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Laid in the Grave.—The remains of the late Miss Agnes Helling Fraser were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, Carrishook, No. 55 Alfred street, at 2:30 and at St. Andrews Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock, where an impressive service was conducted by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., and also at the grave. The large attendance of friends and the many beautiful designs testifies to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The following acted as pallbearers: Reginald Hayward, Lionel J. Peake, Herbert Taylor, A. J. Dalton, David Miller, Alfred Hood.

Easter Social.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church will hold their annual Easter social to-morrow evening in the schoolroom of the church. Among others the following will contribute to the programme: Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Laney, Miss Oliver, Master B. Foote, Miss Gilchrist, Mrs. Losos, Mr. Morrison, Mr. J. G. Brewin, the last named four in tableaux, "Bliss" and "Bliss Disturbed." A pleasant evening is promised.

Wom's High Honors.—Among the dogs winning honors at the Vancouver kennel show was His Highness, W. F. Hall's magnificent St. Bernard. His Highness' most recent triumph has earned for him the enviable distinction of champion. In addition to his won the hands-and trophy offered by Colonel Bradley, United States consul at the Terminal City, for the best dog in the four large breeds, St. Bernards, Newfoundlands, Great Danes and English mastiffs.

Customs' Returns.—The customs returns for the month of March are as follows: Exports, domestic, \$29,000; foreign, \$12,894. Imports, free, \$60,922; dutiable, \$245,354; duty collected, \$67,735; other revenues, \$481; total revenue, \$68,218,53.

Permanent Walks.—A strong sentiment is growing among residents on Fort street in favor of permanent walks on both sides of the street as far as Cook street. So many tourists use this thoroughfare that it is highly desirable that this improvement be carried out without delay.

A Distributing Point.—That Victoria is every month becoming more of a distributing point for cargoes of the China Mutual Liners is shown in the fact that the cargo of the Chinaman, Mutual liner Aztec, was discharged at the outer wharf there is freight consigned to San Francisco, Vancouver, New Westminster and other points. There is about 1,000 tons to Esquimalt, and in all fully 1,000 tons is to come out of the ship at the outer wharf.

Funeral of A. N. Reid.—Yesterday morning the funeral of the late Arthur Nelson Reid took place from the residence of H. A. Goward, No. 8 S. Charles street, at 9:30 and at 10:30 at St. Peter's and St. Paul's cathedral. Father Letourne conducted religious services. There was a large attendance of friends and many floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: J. Finlayson, R. McEachan, C. M. Gowen, C. Goodwin, H. Herd and M. Murray.

The Coal Duty.—British Columbia has a special interest in noting that there is a movement at Ottawa for the removal of the duty on soft coal imported from the United States. The duty is 53 cents a ton. The Ottawa Board of Trade has adopted a resolution unanimously in favor of the reduction of the duty, and the railway companies and manufacturers are in favor of the duty being removed. The Nanaimo Free Press is of the opinion that if the government makes any reduction of the kind it should be on the distinct understanding that the United States duty on coal is also removed.

Tourist Travel Growing.—George W. Brown, superintendent of the C. P. R. hotels and the dining and sleeping car services, has returned to Montreal from the British Isles, where he spent three weeks looking after the company's business. Mr. Brown said that the volume of English tourist travel to the Canadian Rockies will grow vigorously, and the new offices in London have done much to stimulate an interest in Canadian tours. The hotel accommodation of the Rockies, though recently doubled, would not exceed requirements. Mr. Brown has decided that the Elder Lake and Lake Louise Chalets be opened by May 10th, if possible.

New Brick Block.—That Victoria is slowly but surely forging ahead and that the present season will prove an exceedingly busy one in the building line is further exemplified by the announcement that Mr. W. R. Brown & Company have given three of their tenants, in frame buildings above the Baldwin block on Fort street, notice to vacate by May 1st. This notice is given preliminary to the erection of a new brick building on the site now occupied by those structures. The new building is to be 60 by 60 feet. The lower flat is to contain three stories, and the upper story will provide a set of lodging rooms fitted with every modern convenience. The new building will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000, and will be completed at an early date.

First Chinese Head Tax.—The Vancouver custom house has the distinction of receiving the first \$500 paid as a tax on the entrance of the Chinaman to Canada since the head tax was increased from \$100 to five times as much at the beginning of the present year. The \$500 was not paid by a Chinaman but was surrendered to the Canadian Pacific railway because it permitted a Chinaman to escape from its custody between two and three weeks ago. The Chinaman in the case was under sentence of deportation, and was on a train lying in the C. P. R. yard on the waterfront at Vancouver when he managed to elude the vigilance of the men employed to watch him. As he was not captured, the government called on the railway to make good the amount of the head tax.

Kennel Club Show.—At Philharmonic hall tomorrow the annual show of the Victoria Kennel Club will open, and continue the rest of the week. Portland, San Francisco and Spokane are sending a number of noted canines. Principally pointers are being contributed by fanciers of the former city, and included in the string will be Minnesota, The Foxhound, following the Indians south, entered in San Spring, and took on board W. H. Franklin magistrate, A. G. Horne, who went as interbreeder and Constable E. Gough. Booz, the man who was robbed, was also on board. An account of the party with the Indians, who showed fight, and the subsequent bombardment of their village, smashing canoes, etc., was published in the Colonist at the time. The late W. R. Clarke, well known in Victoria, was the gunner of the Grappler in those days.

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Lecture Recital.—This evening in Institute hall a lecture recital will be given by Mr. Hugh Kennedy. Admission will be by invitation only.

A Fine Terrier.—At the dog show in Vancouver Mr. J. R. Saunders was fortunate in winning first prize in all classes, including the winners' class, with his fox terrier Vex. This is the first time this terrier has been shown in any dog show.

To Visit Coast.—Efforts are being made at Ottawa to get the transportation commission to visit the Pacific coast during the summer season. Among the questions into which the commissioners will be Victoria harbor. The commission resume work next month in Ontario, and will afterwards come West.

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Popular with Fishers.—Large numbers of amateur anglers of both sexes and all ages are finding plenty of sport fishing off the end of the east wharf at the ocean docks daily. Yesterday there must have been upwards of a hundred of those sports hauling out bullock and other marine curios.

Fish Traps.—Among the traps in Victoria who will engage in trap fishing under the new regulations issued by the Ottawa government it is understood that J. T. Told & Sons and the B. C. Packers' Association will erect traps this year. How many the latter will put in is not stated, but the former will put in at least two. This will involve a considerable outlay.

A Victoria Institution.—Few of the old pioneer Victorians but remember the old days when Victoria was not what the city is today. It will be pleasing news to them to learn that the son of the old pioneer harper, Mr. George Payne, has started up in the same premises in the same line as his father, and that he has fitted out the shop in the handsomest manner. Included in the first-rate up-to-date outfit are three magnificent porcupine busses of the latest type. Mr. Payne has a staff of skilled assistants and is welcoming back all the shop's old customers and old.

Seized a Sloop.—What is surprising a scheme whereby more than a dozen Japanese were successfully snatched from Seattle was uncovered by United States Customs Inspector Frank T. LaFond on Sunday morning by the finding of a fishing sloop at the foot of 15th street, deserted and bearing no name whereby she might be identified. It is thought by the inspector that the vessel hauls from the Fraser river, as it bears all the marks of the kind of sloop built in that section of British Columbia. It is a twenty-eight foot vessel, double-ended, with a deck of the beam, and its shins of this class are not allowed to enter port free of duty, and as the e is no apparent owner of the craft, it has been seized by the custom house.

The Silver Slipper.—J. Bernstein, head of "The Silver Slipper" Opera company, spent yesterday in the city, making arrangements for the appearance of the company here at the Victoria theatre on the evening of April 13th. "The Silver Slipper" is along the same lines as the popular "Phantom" and is meeting with great success wherever presented. Mr. Bernstein was at the Iroquois theatre a few moments before the outbreak of the awful fire which resulted in the loss of so many valuable lives in such a terrible fashion and as can well be imagined he will never blot from his memory his impressions on that occasion. "The Silver Slipper" was to have held the boards at the Iroquois a short time after the date of the fire.

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The business will be continued at the old stand by Mr. Robert Mowat, to whom all stock-in-trade, book debts and partnership effects have been assigned, and who has assumed and will pay all partnership liabilities.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., 31st March, 1904.

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, April 4.—Speculators who have been trading for two weeks past in the commodity market that they know the interests of the Northern Securities settlement were nonplussed today by the terms of the petition of the Union Pacific interests for an injunction against the distribution of Northern Securities assets on the plan proposed. It has been expected that some judicial opinion would be given on the proposed suit but the question of legality in the situation of collateral for the Northern Securities stock now held against the Oregon Short Line bond issue was the only one which has been admitted to that issue in view of the protestations from all interests concerned that perfect unity and harmony existed. But a partial impression of a conflict of such interests that settlement in the stock market was upset, so far as the appearance of resignation to the community of interests in control of Northern Pacific, the Union Pacific's contention indicated a determination to conserve its control of the Northern, consequences to the stock market, general. This condition was set up in connection with the impression instrumental cultivated in the stock market for the past two weeks, that apprehension of a conflict between the two powerful rivals which might extend to buying of Union Pacific were prevalent. The securities market was revived. The securities market, was again active, the market shifted back to the basis of competitive buying for control of Union Pacific was again continuous, and carried the price at one time as high as \$9. The stock gain in the day was 3½ on total sales of 189,000 shares. It was only momentarily \$10. On the reaction which followed the opening bulge and was carried higher by successive buying interests. The opening break in the general list was partially repaired by the first strength of Union Pacific, but the persistent and volume of the demand for that stock awakened the fears of the traders, and the general list was sluggish and heavy, and the general list was sluggish and heavy, for the rest of the day. St. Paul was most acutely affected by the opening break, as it has been most actively speculated in on the usual and assumptions of the course of the Northern Securities settlement. Pacific Gas suffered from the supreme court decision adverse to its contention against the 75 cents Chicago gas ordinance. United States Steel preferred reflected the anxiety over the showing of earnings to be made by the quarterly statement due tomorrow. American Copper and Sugar weakened sharply without explanation. The stock market was quite active and somewhat irregular. Total sales, par value \$3,100,000. United States stocks advanced ½ per cent on call.

New York, April 4.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange to-day:

Amalgamated Copper	49
American Locomotive	234
American Iceomotive pfd	82
American	120
Anaconda Mining Co.	72
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe pfd	814
Baltimore & Ohio	704
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	434
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.	115
Chesapeake & Ohio	337
Chicago & Northwestern	1707
St. Paul	14
Colorado Southern	534
Colorado Fuel & Iron	281
Consolidated Gas	1884
Colorado Fuel & Iron	284
Corn Products	134
Delaware & Hudson	124
Denver & Rio Grande	204
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	704
General Electric	160
Illinois Central	1304
Iowa Central	112
Indevco & Nashville	343
Missouri Pacific	924
Metropolitan Traction	112
New York Central	1174
Ericle Railway	26
Ericle Railway 1st pf	654
Ericle Railway 2nd pf	404
New York, Ontario & Western	214
Norfolk & Western	124
Pacific Mail	274
Pennsylvania Railway	1178
People's Gas	98
Philadelphia & Reading	444
Rock Island	228
Southern Railway	224
Southern Pacific	844
Tennessee & Texas	384
United States Leather	674
United States Steel	108
United States Rubber	584
Union Pacific	114
Union Pacific pfd	884
Wabash Railway	374
Wisconsin Central	18

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Winds chiefly moderate to fresh in force, partly cloudy, stationary or higher temperature.

Lower Mainland: Mostly cloudy with occasional showers, stationary or higher temperature.

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### Ruin to Russia Says Authority

American Long Resident in Moscow Predicts Doom of Czar's Forces.

Japan's Marvelous Knowledge of Enemy's Secrets Gives Her Advantage.

"My word, sir," politely said the Colonist's shipping reporter to one of the officers of the China Mutual line steamer Agamemnon, which arrived here on Sunday night.

The officer took the pasteboard, looking as if he were going to say: "Thanks, I've all the books now I want for a lifetime, and my father has promised to leave me his well-assorted library of 50,000 volumes when he has no more use for them; so, you see—"

But he didn't. What he said was, more in sorrow than in wrath. "Awfully sorry, but our orders are most strict from the company that we must give out no information whatsoever to passengers or others. We cannot break through the company's rules, sir, much as I would like to oblige with a yarn or two."

"Send you any passengers?"

"None to speak of."

"Any to speak to?"

"I don't think so," and he laughed.

"Well, it's a nice day, anyway, isn't it?"

This was admitted in evidence.

"Have you noticed any change in the weather since you left Japan?"

"Not much," laughed the officer cautiously.

"Notice anything unusual about Japan when you called there?"

"No; still in the same place."

"You call at Port Arthur on your way hither?"

"No, we avoided the tropics as much as possible."

"Warm up there?"

"So they say."

"Who say?"

"The Victoria newspapers."

Foxy Grandpa scored that time. Probably Father hummed up one of those passengers, eh?"

"Probably," was the laconic response accompanied by a pleasant sea grin that meant much more.

III IS WELL INFORMED.

Mr. McGowan, an American merchant, who has lived much in Russian territory, both in East Asia and Africa, and is in good health better than most men who undertake to write books about them and their habits, was a passenger by the Agamemnon, and he was pleased to converse readily with the pressman. Mr. McGowan has radical opinions about the present alleged war. Here are some of them reduced to their lowest terms.

The war will last six years. The Japanese have made all their preparations on that basis. The Japanese will smash Russia's naval and military forces without any doubt. The utter rottenness of the naval, military and civil services of Russia pass belief. Ministry is rampant throughout the whole of Asia, and with almost difficulty kept under. The capture of Port Arthur and Vladivostok are to be mere incidents in the campaign.

THE REAL OBJECTIVES are far grander. In short they are: the freedom of Manchuria, the independence of Korea, the recovery by Japan of the island of Saghalien, now a Russian penal colony, and once the territory of Japan, wrested from Japan when she was too weak to defend her rights, the Alsace-Lorraine of East Asia. The seizure of the Peninsula of Kamtchatka and the regulation of the great fishing and sealing industry there on a basis that will benefit the sealing nations and bring a reasonable profit to Japan. The definite closing to Russian ambition of the Pacific ocean. There can be no peace for the world so long as Russia has a seaport on the Pacific ocean.

How are they going to do it? The foundation work has been laid through their perfectly incomparable intelligence department. It is in reality an intelligence department, and not a collection of blockade placemen. That department actually knows more today about the strength of Russia in men, horses,

ships, guns, supplies, line of communication and transportation, than even the high officers of the Russian Empire. The department has its clever spies everywhere, its information is exact.

Then, whereas the Russian troops are puffed up by no spirit of

WILD, PATRIOTIC ENTHUSIASM

and go to their fighting as they go to their ploughing, or stone breaking, the Japanese are unborne by a patriotic rhapsody such as the world has never seen. It is like the spirit which possessed the troops of the young French republic when they were irresistible. It will do much to win battles for the Japanese. Then, there is not the slightest comparison between even the very pick of the Russian soldiery and the Japanese in native fighting ferocity. The Japanese, in native fighting ferocity, frenzy upon him, is an unpleasant customer to face for the best troops in the world. Moreover, the Japanese troops are armed with the marvelous Arisaka field gun, and a rifle of unequalled precision and power.

As for the much-treaded Trans-Siberian railway, it is the biggest piece of lumber ever perpetrated on earth, and if the real truth were to be told about it would

ASTOUND THE WORLD.

That line has been used to immense advantage to hoax the nations and enslave Russia to pursue her course of Asiatic conquest. That line is an elongated sham, much of it is even now not fit for use, and when the attempt is made to crowd it with troops trains it will utterly fail. All other pieces of robbery ever perpetrated on earth pale into ghostly insignificance compared with the Trans-Siberian railway. It has practically bankrupted the Russian nation. As a means of transporting the enormous quantities of supplies which will be necessary to feed, clothe and arm the Russian troops in the Far East, the Trans-Siberian railway is not much better than a wagon trail. In fact, a good many well-informed people think Russia will yet be reduced to that extreme of transporting her supplies from Europe by wagon train, so utterly paralysed to traffic is the railway line likely to become when the spring thaws turn the steppes into oceanic quagmires, and every rivulet becomes a destructive torrent, carrying out culverts, bridges and embankments at a thousand different places at once.

Mr. McGowan is of the opinion that Japan is really the only nation on earth capable of inflicting

STAGGERING DAMAGE TO RUSSIA,

owing to her complete knowledge of the weakness of the Colossus of the North. It was the same in China when Japan undertook the task of setting that nation right. No other nation in the world would have dared to undertake so vast a task, had not the Chinese, Japan knew all about them, and knew that they were largely of the Hallowe'en bogey order. Russia, according to this well-informed gentleman, is in for a ruinous whipping at the hands of an antagonist who was despised a few months ago as a nation of brown piggies. The humiliation and degradation of Russia before the nations will be complete.

SEALERS REPORTED.

Two Well-known Victoria Boats Heard From on West Coast.

SEATTLE IS VERY MUCH PLEASED

Chortling With Glee at Canada's Back-Down Re Coasting Laws.

Under the caption "Spoke Too Soon," the Seattle Post-intelligencer publishes the following editorial:

Several of the British Columbia newspapers have taken exception to the remarks of the Post-intelligencer on the subject of the Post-intelligencer's insistence on preventing American vessels from carrying goods from a Canadian port to Alaska, if the goods were destined for transhipment to the British Yukon.

The Victoria Times, for example, insists that there was no relation between such a traffic conducted over the Canadian railroads. The Times claims that all done was to extend the train with the Yukon traffic, and that the American vessels

"It is a law of Canada that United States craft shall not be permitted to transport Canadian goods from one Canadian port to another."

Precisely; but this is not the point in issue. No American vessels have been engaged in carrying goods from one Canadian port to another; nor is this the practice which the order in council was designed to stop. In the interests of Canadian vessels, the American vessels were carrying goods from Vancouver and Victoria, two Canadian ports, to St. Michael, which is an American port. At St. Michael the voyage terminated, the goods were discharged and there they were transhipped to river steamboats and taken up the Yukon to Dawson. The goods were sent through the Yukon, that is, they were collected on either side of the river. The similarity to the "transit in bond" privilege granted to Canadian railroads were almost exact. It is this privilege to American vessels which the Dominion government by its order in council withdrew.

But the despots inform us that the Canadian government, on complaint from Washington, has withdrawn its order in council, and that Canadian vessels will again be permitted to pass in the trade which they developed. The action of the Dominion government in revoking the order in council was inspired by the knowledge that if the action stood the transit in bond privilege would promptly be withdrawn from Canadian transportation lines.

The Vancouver Province gently intimates that it was "perfect for the Post-intelligencer to state that it would be done."

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